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SUBJECT: (S) GERMAN RESPONSE TO POTENTIAL EXPORT TO IRAN

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s 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (S) German MFA Export Control Desk Officer Volker Herzog provided a German-language nonpaper to Global Affairs Officer on September 10. The German nonpaper responds to the US nonpaper of 31 May 2007 outlined in Ref concerning the possible export of test equipment from a German firm via UAE to the Iranian firm Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group (SHIG). Representatives of the German Federal Economic and Export Licensing Agency (BAFA) contacted the German firm in question, Rohde and Schwarz. The response indicates that Rohde and Schwarz does not have any contact with the Iranian firm SHIG.

¶2. (S) Begin unofficial embassy translation of the German-language nonpaper:

With reference to the nonpaper of 31 May 2007 concerning the acquisition of test equipment from the German firm Rohde and Schwarz via the UAE to Iran through the firm SHIG, we wish to inform US officials of the following information.

We appreciate the information provided in connection with the procurement efforts by the firm SHIG from the firm Rohde and Schwarz.

The firm Rohde and Schwarz is known to German export control authorities as an applicant for exports to Iran and UAE. BAFA could not identify any export that corresponds to the request described in the aforementioned nonpaper.

On 23 May 2006 a request by the firm to deliver a spectrum analyzer to the Iranian Ministry of Information and Communication was refused. In this case, BAFA can not judge whether this request was connected to procurement efforts by the firm SHIG.

BAFA approached the firm Rohde and Schwarz to sensitize them to the issue.

They indicated that they are not in contact with the firm SHIG. Also in the past has there been no contact with this firm.

The firm Rohde and Schwarz is also unaware of any middleman in the UAE, therefore a connection between the delivery to the UAE and the fact described above is not apparent.

We are grateful for our continuing excellent cooperation in the area of export control.

End German nonpaper.
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